

DUE DATES

How student debt relief will impact Northwest borrowers

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It's been a month and a half since President Joe Biden announced the three-part plan to reduce student loans across the country, and applications for loan forgiveness are to open this month.

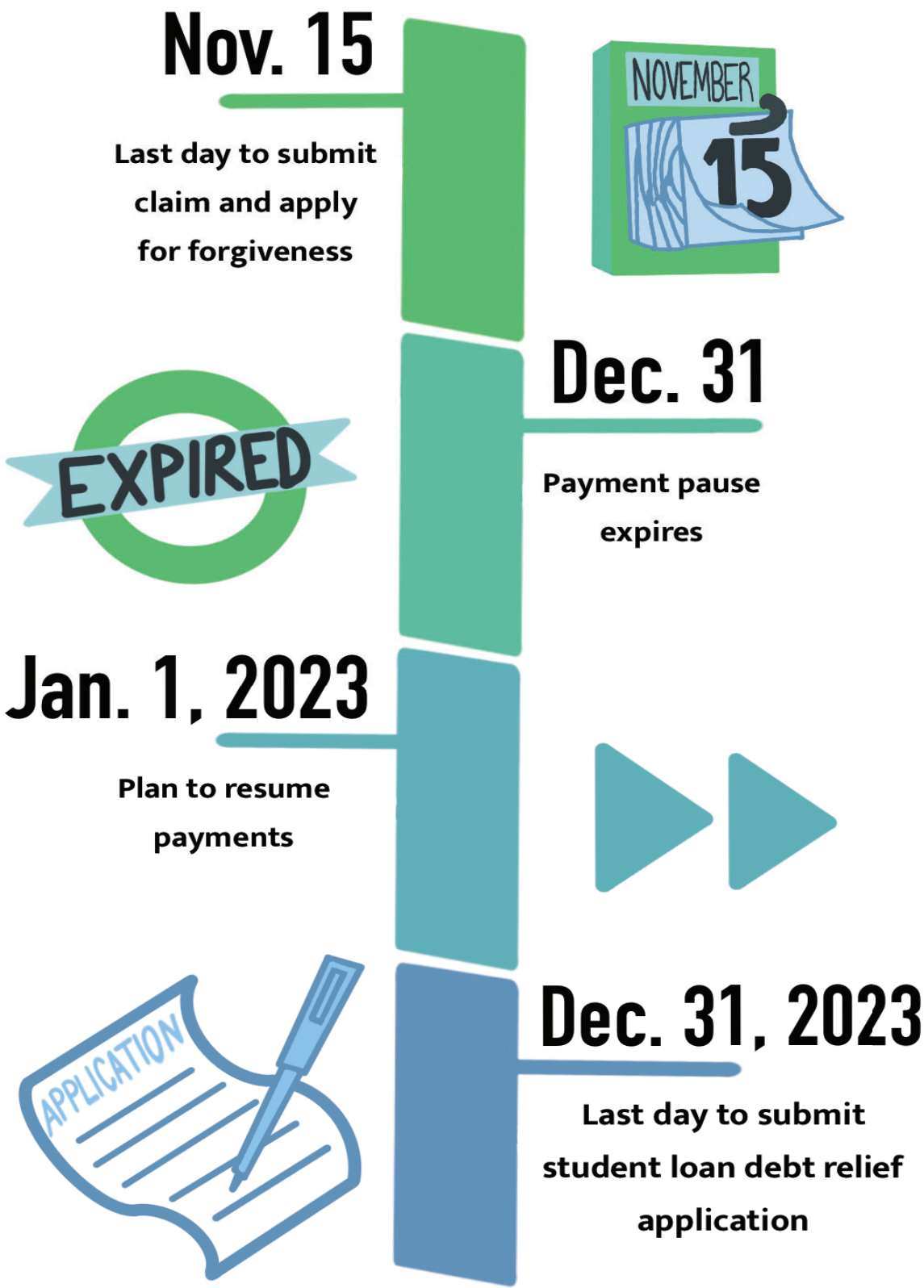
According to the Federal Student Aid website, an online form for application will be available sometime this month. People can receive updates from text or email from the website by logging in with their account. Borrowers should plan to submit a claim by Nov. 15, which is the deadline to apply for forgiveness before the payment pause expires Dec. 31. Claims are expected to be processed within four to six weeks.

Borrowers should plan to resume their payments starting Jan. 1, 2023. Payments were paused on March 13, 2020 for COVID relief. Once the payment pause expires at the end of the year, borrowers will receive a notice at least three weeks before a payment is due, telling them how much is due and when. Borrowers have until Dec. 31, 2023, to submit their application for student loan debt relief.

The student loan debt relief plan will provide up to \$20,000 in debt forgiveness to Pell Grant recipients and up to \$10,000 for borrowers who did not earn a Pell Grant. Married couples making less than \$250,000 a year and anyone making less than \$125,000 are qualified for debt forgiveness.

The plan has already faced legal challenges. Six states are suing the Biden administration over the student loan debt relief plan, accusing the administration of overstepping executive powers. The states include Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Arkansas and South Carolina. The Missouri lawsuit was filed in federal court in St. Louis, asking for the immediate.

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Fainter pleads guilty to invasion of privacy

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Logan D. Fainter, 19, has pleaded guilty to Invasion of Privacy, a class E felony, after being brought to court for the incident in March.

Fainter was investigated and arrested by Univer-

sity Police in February after two reports of a suspect recording people in the female bathroom on the third floor of Millikan Hall.

After eight months of postponed hearings and more time for discovery, as well as a statement from one of the victims, Fainter entered a guilty plea at an Oct. 3 hearing.

A sent assessment report, that contains information regarding the defendant and the offense, was ordered.

He then surrendered bond and was taken into custody. Fainter is now being held at the Nodaway County Jail.

In Missouri, Class E felonies are punishable by up to four years in prison, one year in jail or a fine of up to \$10,000.

Under this felony class, there may also be a chance for probation. A sentencing hearing is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Nov. 7.



City Council approves firefighter cancer relief trust

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Maryville City Council approved participation in Missouri's Firefighters Critical Illness Trust and Pool, approving a work program partnered with Maryville Treatment Center, as well as bridging a new software for the cemetery at it's meeting Oct. 10.

Missouri's Firefighters Critical Illness Trust and Pool was created in March, and the pool

provides cash benefit coverage to any full-time or volunteer firefighter with five years of service and 17 specific cancer diagnoses such as breast, testicle and thyroid. This pool will have a net cost of \$800 a year, depending on the number of qualifying firefighters.

This pool was signed into law by Gov. Mike Parson in 2021 to aid in worker's compensation that may not typically be covered. This program has a fast-paced claims

department that starts payments 10 days after a cancer diagnosis. This program is a member-owned organization created by firefighters for firefighters.

The fire chief sat in the audience and awaited his turn to speak on behalf of this pool.

"We firefighters have a lot of pools and resources that we hope we never have to use, but this one that we're very glad you guys (Council) got behind and very much appreciate your support,"

Fire Chief Phil Rickabaugh said.

In order to participate, the fire department will have to implement nine early detection and safety protocols to protect its firefighters from these various forms of cancer.

Missouri Intergovernmental Risk Management Association — the city's insurance co-op — will reimburse 65% of premiums at maximum coverage. This will become effective Nov. 1 and renewed on Jan. 1, 2023. This will be an annu-

al contract with a renewable status each calendar year. City Council has budgeted \$2,326 for coverage with \$1,511.90 reimbursed from MIRMA.

The Council also agreed to approve an amendment to the Supervised Work Release Program with Maryville Treatment Center, a division of an adult institution. This amendment will continue the program through Dec. 1, 2023.

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Moon Festival attendees climb up the rock wall together while listening to the live music playing behind them. The rock wall was one the many activities for the younger audience, in addition to the live music and food truck vendors in attendance.

Make It Maryville hosts first inagural Missouri Moon Festival

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Make It Maryville hosted the inaugural Northwest Missouri Moon Festival Oct 8 at The Fields Paintball starting at 10:30 in the morning. It was a family-friendly event including live music, vendors, several inflatables and a beer garden.

The ticket sales proceeds went to the Eck-er family because of their recent loss of a loved one and the Northwest Missouri Children’s Advocacy Task Force.

The name of the event was influenced by musician John Marriot’s performance of “Missouri Moon” written by Jerry Forney, which he and the Dixie Cadillacs played later in the evening.

This event featured several different artists, Phil Vandel, Adelaide, Clay Clear Band, Sarah Davison, Dixie Cadillacs and James Marriot, Grace Maher and Cottonwood Crows. The audience was dancing along to the performances. Performer Sarah Davison said this festival was fun, and “meeting people all over the country is the best part of performing” and it was nice to see all the people that came out for it.

There were also several different vendors, including food and merchants. One of the vendors was Kat’s Resin Art Co., which sold homemade jewelry and other resin art pieces.

“My business is an all inclusive and safe

place,” Kat Moon, owner of Kat’s Resin Art Co., said. This event was a place for small businesses to advertise its merchandise and spread its name.

“One of my friends, Holly Cronk, who’s one of the head people of the events, is a part of it and that’s how I heard about it and wanted to help out.”

-AERONICA BRANCH
VOLUNTEER

The Moon Festival was run by volunteers working in the entrances to separate areas and the different activities and also helping the performers.

“It’s a fun event to get out and mingle and enjoy yourself and kind of let loose,” volunteer Aeronica Branch said. She had heard about this event and wanted to help out with the festivities. “One of my friends,

Holly Cronk, who’s one of the head people of the events, is a part of it and that’s how I heard about it and wanted to help out,” Aeronica Branch said.

There were also activities for children attending the festival. Activities including rock climbing, fake bull riding, several inflatables and axe throwing, all of which were supervised by volunteers.

For the adults there was a beer garden, offering several different types of alcohol from different places, including the Black Pony Brewing Company, R/Farm Distilling Co., Barkyard Wine and Vine, Budweiser and Miller Brewing Company.

“We heard about this on the Facebook page,” audience members Avery Andell, Devin Kernes And Jada Irving said. Most of the audience heard about the event on Facebook and were interested in seeing the live music and checking out the food vendors available. The event was very relaxing and had a small town country energy, according to Jada Irving.

The Northwest Missouri Moon Festival has several local sponsors to support it and keep it going for many years to come. The organizers hope it will get bigger every year and want to expand. One of the organizers made a short statement about getting more people to attend next year.

The Northwest Missouri Moon Festival will be coming back to Maryville next year Oct. 7.

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Wellness Services offers free flu shots, talks vaccine importance

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University Wellness Services offered free influenza vaccines to students, staff and faculty on a walk-in basis 2-4 p.m. Oct. 5-6 in the Tower View Room J.W. Jones Student Union. Additional shots were given out at the Wellness Fair Oct. 13 in the Student Recreation Center.

Judy Frueh, assistant director of Wellness Services - Clinic Services, said the turnout for a free flu shot has been good so far. Frueh said that last year there were lower numbers of students and staff that Wellness Services immunized, now there are more shots given out post-COVID-19.

“We saw last year that people weren’t getting as much with the flu vaccine, but this year it seems to be back more to pre-COVID,” Frueh said. “People are realizing that the flu is a thing again, too, so that’s good.”

Nationwide flu cases have started to rise in what is expected to be a severe flu season. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s latest data shows that in the last week of September, there were 969 reported cases of influenza A and 52 cases of influenza B in the country. That same week the positivity rate rose from 0.49% to 2.5%.

Frueh said a few years ago Wellness Services made its annual flu shots part of the health fee, making the shots free to stu-



JAKOB PRATER | PHOTOGRAPHER
Assistant Director of Wellness Services - Clinic Services Judy Frueh gives a student their influenza immunization. Frueh said that the turnout for staff, faculty and students getting their flu shots has been better than last year.

dents. She said the initiative to keep campus healthy by making the flu shots free lead to an increase of student turnout.

“We did see a dip last year just because of COVID. As far as people not getting the vaccine, we still saw a flu, just not as much,” Frueh said. “So since COVID has calmed down, my concern is the flu is going to be on the rise a little bit, too. So we need to protect people from the influenza.”

A recent poll done by the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases, found only 49% of U.S. adults plan to receive an influenza vaccine during the 2022-2023 flu season. While 69% of adults surveyed agreed that a flu shot is the best way to prevent

getting the disease, about half of the U.S. adult population are projected not to be immunized this year. The top reasons being doubts on the vaccine’s effectiveness and safety, worrying that the shot will either not protect them against the flu or fearful of potential side effects.

“It may not be a big deal to college-age students, but it is a big deal to your loved ones that are immunosuppressed, like grandparents, maybe parents, even little bitty babies. Kids under six months can’t get [the vaccine], so it’s just a way to protect others as well,” Frueh said. “Sometimes it can be pretty critical that you don’t miss that paper, miss that classroom or miss that test.”



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Missouri Hope participants Young Kim and Grace Wineinger assist victim Joscelyn Hulderson at Disaster Village. Speckled throughout Disaster Village, victims wait for first responders to treat them and take them to the field hospital up the hill during the simulated aftermath of a tornado.

CUTS, BURNS AND BLOOD

Volunteers participate in disaster simulations

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Mozingo Outdoor Education Recreation Area is seen by most people in the Maryville area as a place for kids to have fun. This past weekend Oct. 7-9, it was turned into just the opposite. The park with its impressive views was now filled with people with colorful vests everywhere and others who were covered with fake blood, cuts, burns or with items such as pieces of wood appearing to be coming out of their bodies.

The recreation park hosted Missouri Hope, a field training exercise which involves the resources of Northwest Missouri State University's Emergency & Disaster Management Program, along with a variety of local and state emergency response resources.

Volunteer recruiter Peter Adam, who is in charge of finding volunteers to role-play as injured people for the event, said that this is a great way for first responders to prepare for real life scenarios.

"One of the things about these skills is the more you practice them, the better you are at using them," Adam said. "It's not everyday that you get a mass disaster, so a scenario like this is very good practice for them."

These exercises are required for North-

west students who are studying majors or minors in emergency disaster management, but nursing students and emergency medical technicians from all over the country also have the opportunity to participate.

60 students participated in the exercise, another 60 volunteers worked throughout the weekend as staff members and 185 volunteers of all ages played the roles of victims, according to a Northwest news release.

People have traveled from Kansas, other parts of Missouri, and some have even traveled from as far as Atlanta for this event, the Missouri Hope Director Mark Corson said.

Missouri Hope was produced for the first time in fall of 2012, but there are other field exercises that EDM students have the opportunity to be involved in as well. There is also New York Hope and Florida Hope. Missouri Hope and Florida Hope focus more on domestic emergency disaster response, whereas New York Hope is focused on regional coordinated disaster response.

Nursing student Skylar Hill believes that events like Missouri Hope give nursing students real world experience and practice on how to stay calm under pressure and deal with stressful events.

"Instead of just spending your whole

time in school in a book, you're actually getting there in person, dealing with real patients in a simulation exercise," Hill said.

Hill said he believes this is an important event to have in order for both nursing majors and EDM majors to have a chance to learn how to properly collaborate with other people they may be working with in these situations.

"The foundation of this event is learning how to work with a team," Hill said. "I think without a team, you're liable to fall because you can't handle these situations by yourself."

Sophomore EDM major Ashley Bland said that Missouri Hope is a great way for those in her major to become aware of their personal responses to stress in order to better prepare themselves for potential incidents in the future.

"If you've never been in a situation like this before, you don't know how you're going to act, and Missouri Hope is definitely a high stress situation," Bland said. "So that way they can experience how they're going to react to stuff and how things are going to go."

Volunteer role-players Makayla Aryes and Thomas Aryes drove from Kansas City, Missouri, in order to participate in the event. They said it was a very interesting experience to be put in special effects

makeup to make them appear injured.

"At first I was like 'this is gonna look really weird' but then it looked really gory and realistic," Thomas Aryes said. "It's kind of odd when you're looking at your wife and you're like 'there's a piece of wood coming out of your collarbone'."

The pair also said that they both were glad they were able to be a part of an event that assists in preparing first responders for real life scenarios the way that Missouri Hope does.

"The first responders, the people who we're asking to go through the really difficult situations and be the person we look up to to help provide structure and order during a disaster, that's not in our nature to be calm during," Thomas Aryes said. "So for us to be able to be a part of a situation that allows them to gain practice, if that helps the treatment that someone receives during an actual disaster be 10% better, that person has a 10% better outcome."

Bland said that she hopes all the people who were involved in Missouri Hope will take away their experiences and everything they learned from it.

"We pull a lot of different experiences together," Bland said. "It's a really good experience in my opinion. There's no other way to train for these things."



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A member of the U.S. Army triages the victim at the field hospital and helps assist nurses with treatment of injuries. According to Rasmussen University nursing instructor, without volunteer help, Missouri Hope would cost an upwards of \$4 million to put on.



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Missouri Hope volunteer firefighter and participants work together to transport the victim on a spine board to the emergency vehicle pick up zone. Missouri Hope provides a hands-on learning environment for participants from all around the country and not limited to just Northwest students.

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HERO, DI Office work toward inclusivity through LGBTQIA+ History Month events

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It was found in a survey from Access to Higher Education that LGBTQIA+ people are four times more likely to report having picked a university in a different city or state to seek a more welcoming climate than non-LGBTQIA+ people. The community struggles to be accepted every day, and colleges have been seen making peer support groups for them to feel more connected and welcomed.

October is LGBTQIA+ History Month and was first celebrated in 1994 and founded by Rodney Wilson. It celebrates the history and achievements that the LGBTQIA+ community has made. Oct. 11 is National Coming Out Day and the anniversary of the first march on Washington for gay and lesbian rights in 1979.

This month is related to Pride Month in June, and both recognize the community in different ways. Pride Month focuses on the visibility and movement toward equality and history month focuses on the civil right movement and the history of gay rights.

At the beginning of the month, the club Helping Everyone Regardless of Orientation hung up flags outside of the J.W. Jones Student Union. This included the pansexual, nonbinary, Phildephia's People of Color Inclusive, genderfluid and genderqueer flags.

Mary Humiston, vice president of HERO, explains that the club offers a safe place for students, community members and allies to join together. HERO

meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in room 1200 in the Garrett-Strong Science Building.

“It’s a space where you can be yourself and feel accepted by everyone, and no one will judge you,” Humiston said.

“I think it should definitely be acknowledged more, since learning the history of any community is very important to understand that counity as a whole.”

-RACHEL POOL
SECRETARY, HERO

The Diversity and Inclusions Office held a couple of events to represent this month. At 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, in the Student Union Boardroom, Thomas Sanchez, a Northwest alumni, shared his experiences and his life as a gay, Hispanic man. Which also held significance in Hispanic Heritage Month, which is celebrated from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. He also mentioned the Trevor Project which helps prevent suicide

in youth. Humiston said the speech was inspiring, and she learned a lot about him.

From 11:20 a.m to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11, in the Office of Diversity and Inclusions, there was pride tie-dye which taught students about the different colors of the LGBTQIA+ flags. In the original pride flag designed by Gilbert Baker, he chose the rainbow because it represents a symbol of hope. The color red is life, pink is sexuality, orange is healing, yellow is sunlight, green is nature, turquoise is art, indigo is hope and violet is soul.

The office also held a movie night at 6 p.m Wednesday, Oct. 12, in the Student Union Boardroom, showing a 1995 comedy film called “To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything” which is about three drag queens that travel cross-country together.

Rachel Pool is the secretary of HERO. Before coming to Northwest she was attending community college, and said she didn’t have the opportunities she has here to be in a group for LQBTQIA+.

Pool said she didn’t know it was history month and is happy the school is trying to recognize the month. She said you don’t have to be a part of the LQBTQIA+ community to attend or participate in this month. Pool explained that it’s important to learn from people who are different from you and take away from their experiences.

“I think it should definitely be acknowledged more, since learning the history of any community is very important to understand that community as a whole,” Pool said.



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Northwest Missouri State University Police Department

Oct. 7
There is an open investigation for an accident involving **Jacob Buckholz**, 19, in Parking Lot 27.

Oct. 6
There is an open investigation for domestic assault in Hudson Hall.
There is an open investigation for property damage in Parking Lot 39

Oct. 5
There is a closed investigation for a fire alarm in Franken Hall.
There is a closed investigation for a fire alarm in Franken Hall.
There is an open investigation for tampering in the J.W. Jones Student Union.
There is a closed investigation for a fire alarm in Bearcat Stadium.

Oct. 4
There is a closed investigation for a fire alarm in Martindale Hall.
There is an open investigation for a drug violation in Franken Hall.

Oct. 3
There is a closed investigation for stealing at the B.D. Owens Library.
There is a closed investigation for a fire alarm in South Complex.

Maryville Department of Public Safety

Oct. 8
A wallet, debit card and children’s shoes were recovered at Mozingo Lake Recreation Park.

Oct. 6
A summons was issued to **Stephen W. Voltmer**, 22, for excessive acceleration on the 600 block of South Main Street.
A summons was issued to **Andrea C. Smith**, 46, for crossing a fire hose on the 500 block of East Seventh Street.
There was an accident between **Tim L. Boner**, 27, and **Cheryl R. Walston** on the 1300 block of South Main Street.

Oct. 5
There was an accident between **Jeremy G. Laun**, 40, and **Dana R. Auffert** on the 400 block of North Vine Street. Laun was given a citation for leaving the scene of an accident.

Oct. 4
There was an accident between **Thomas J. Howard**, 27, and **Karri L. Genthe-Henderson**, 39, on West South Avenue and South Munn Street. Howard was issued a citation for failure to yield.

Oct. 3
There was an accident between **Connie F. Hilsabeck**, 66, and **Jacqueline F. Ellis**, 68, on the 2000 block of South Main Street.
There was an accident between an unknown driver and **Johnny Yakle** on the 500 block of South Buchanan Street.
There was an accident between **Hillary Krebs**, 21, and **Austin H. Ray**, 20, on East Seventh Street and North Main Street.
There was an accident between **Kyah Luhring**, 20, and Lawrence A. Link, 21, on 600 block of North Main Street.

Oct. 2
A summons was issued to **Chavez L. Baker**, 18, for driving while intoxicated and an equipment violation on the 100 block of South Main Street.
A summons was issued to **Connor D. DeLong**, 20, for driving while intoxicated, failure to obey a stop light and failure to use a turn signal on the 100 block of North Buchanan Street.
A summons was issued to **Areyanna M. Sanchez**, 20, for driving while intoxicated and improper display of license plates on the 400 block of West Fifth Street.
A summons was issued to **Sujith R. Nadiu**, 22, for not having a valid driver’s license on U.S. Highway 71 Bypass.
There is an ongoing investigation for property damage on the 500 block of North Mulberry Street.
There is an ongoing investigation for harassment on the 600 block of East Fourth Street.

Senate encourages involvement, proposes service bylaw changes

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The Student Senate meeting Oct. 11 was a sea of pink as far as the eye could see. Senators wore the color pink to the meeting in order to honor Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Executive President Elizabeth Motazedi announced at the beginning of the meeting that Northwest’s seven-year contract with Aramark is expiring this coming June. She informed the senators that there are positions open for student representatives on the Dining Bid Committee that will be determining whether or not to continue Aramark’s contract with the University.

“If you can serve on this committee or you’re interested, I highly recommend it,” Motazedi said during her report. “I’m sure there’s a lot of interesting things you’re going to be learning about that you wouldn’t expect to hear. I always recommend serving on faculty committees because they are very interesting and information that benefits you.”

Executive Treasurer Jillian McNamara announced that University Interim President Clarence Green will be at the Senate’s next meeting Oct. 18 to present a rollover budget proposal.

The Governmental Affairs Committee announced a proposal for a new bylaw. In the Student Senate bylaws, senators are currently encouraged to fulfill at least two hours of community service per trimester, but this has not been enforced in recent years.

The new bylaw will determine whether or not this should be enforced. Many senators contributed to the discussion over the potential bylaw and had varying opinions on the matter.

Junior Class President Jenna Byrd said that she believes enforcing the two hours of community service per trimester for senators is a great idea.

“It’s a great way to get people involved and show that we want to help better the campus and the community,” Byrd said. “That will really benefit us.”

Residence Hall Association Representative Kevin Crooks announced that RHA will be holding the Dorm Trick or Treating event from 5-7 p.m. Oct. 26. Crooks also announced that there are a multitude of potential renovations and additions being discussed for residence halls and outdoor areas on campus.

“We’re looking at a possible dog park on campus for people with emotional support animals, and we’re also looking for outdoor study facilities,” Crooks said.

Potential changes focused on resi-

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Charles Mayfield, director of financial assistance, discussed a couple of concerns the plan will face once in action. He said payment will be the first issue. If it’s going to cost over \$400 billion, then it’ll be paid into the tax system and become part of the national debt. Another concern would be that the student loan payment system itself is not being properly fixed and and this is just a temporary solution.



RENEE HASKELL PHOTOGRAPHER

Student Senate Executive President Elizabeth Motazedi begins the Senate’s Oct. 11 meeting with the President’s Report. Motazedi announced Northwest’s contract with Aramark is expiring in June and informed the senators of positions open for student representatives on the Dining Bid Committee, which will be deciding on the Amark contract.

dence halls specifically that were discussed were adding needle disposal in residence halls for students with diabetes and other students who take daily injections, upgrading thermostats in residence halls, updating water fountains in residence halls and re-carpeting some of the residence halls.

Sophomore Abigail Linhart was sworn in by Motazedi as the Sergeant in Arms on Student Senate at the meeting. The

Sergeant in Arms serves as a messenger and maintains order during the course of Student Senate meetings, according to the Senate’s constitution.

Allison McCord, Allison Huynh, Anthony Martinez and Grant McDaniel were all nominated for the open on-campus representative position. The Senators voted Anthony Martinez to the position, and he was sworn in by Motazedi near the end of the meeting.

“They made some changes, kind of tweak-around-the-edge type of changes to one of the income-based repayment programs, so that if you repay based on your income, they’ve adjusted some of those metrics a little bit, but not a complete overhaul of the repayment process,” Mayfield said. “So I guess the short tagline would be if that’s broken, what are we going to do to fix it so that you don’t have forgiveness needed in another five years or another 10 years or another 15 years?”

He said that Northwest students graduate with less than average debt com-

pared to the country and the state of Missouri. Average Northwest graduates can expect anywhere from \$30,000 to \$35,000 in costs after graduation.

“If 10 or 20 (thousand) of that is going to get forgiven, that’s a pretty significant chunk of that money. The majority of the people impacted by this program aren’t going to be recent grads, they’re going to be people who graduated two, three, four, five or eight years ago,” Mayfield said. “So they’ve been separated from college for a long time and had been in repayment for quite a while.”

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This program allows up to six offenders to work outside the facility five days a week from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. It will work with local businesses in the role of ground maintenance, mowing and trash collection. Each offender will be compensated \$7.50 per day worked. This program has been utilized for several years.

“I had the chance to work alongside some of these offenders in the workforce, and this program really is helpful to our police and fire department,” City Councilman Bryan Williams said.

The City Council has brought new technology to the forefront to help with many issues that are typically seen across the board. Oak Hill Cemetery has maintained records by hand since the 1870s. However, keeping more than 11,000 records in order has become a challenge due to deterioration and old age.

City Council approved a cemetery management software called CemSites, which will maintain the files from the last 150 years, present and future. It will focus on plot mapping, website integration and inventory management. Since it will be on the cloud, many families can access this from anywhere in the world.

This software will take care of transferring all current records onto the cloud, which was included in the subscription. The annual licensing fee is \$4,380 with an initial cost of \$25,300 that was approved in the yearly budget.

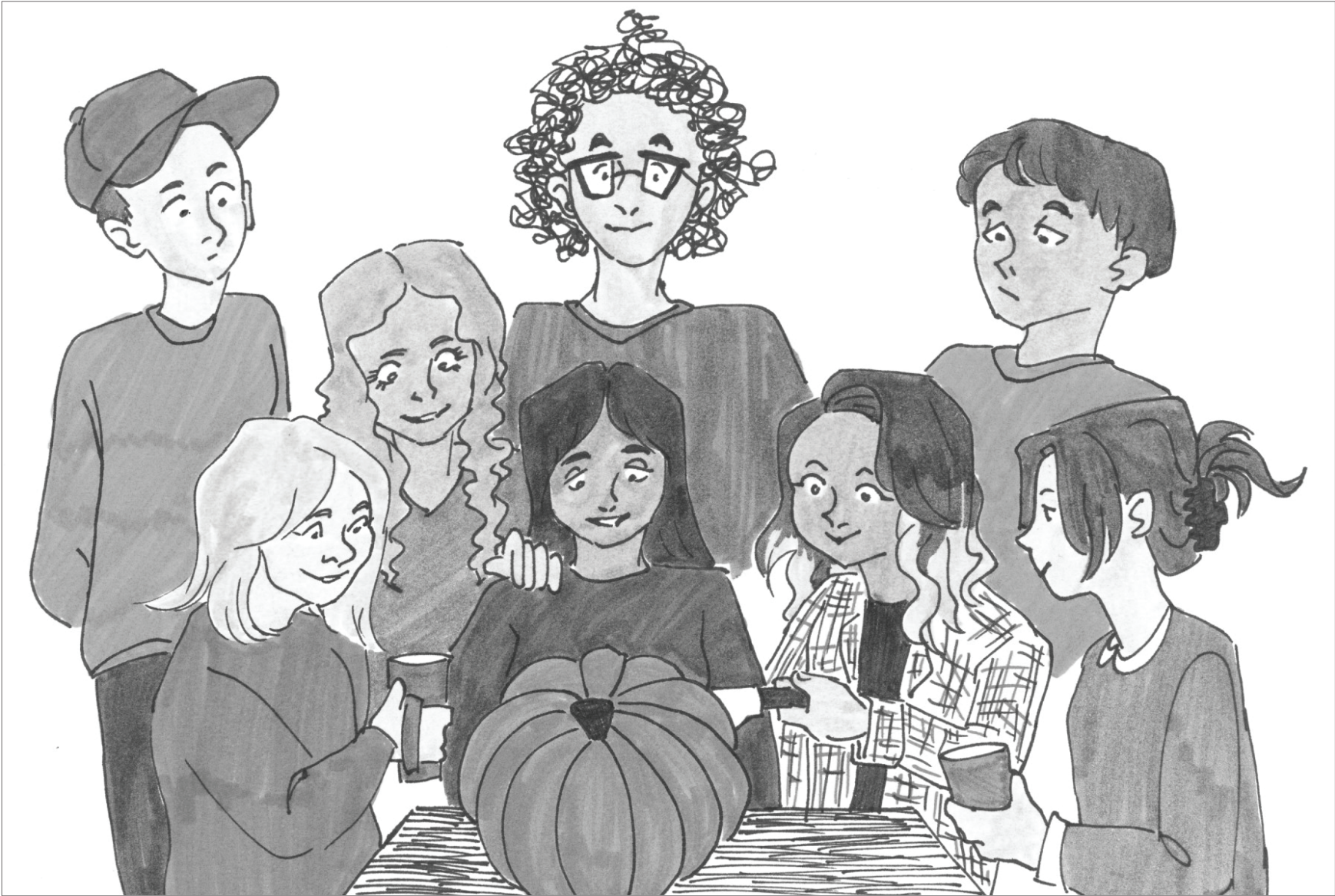
Other City Council Business

-The City Council approved a preliminary agreement for a sanitary sewer service connection to be drafted outside of the city limits for Ronald Houston.



RENEE HASKELL PHOTOGRAPHER

Local representative for the Missouri’s Firefighters Critical Illness Trust and Pool speaks during the City Council meeting Monday. The pool was approved by City Council and will go into effect Nov. 1.



ALEXANDRIA MESZ CARTOONIST

OUR VIEW:

The Editorial Board’s favorite things about the fall season

Nearly each week, the Northwest Missourian dedicates the Our View to bringing a topic that needs attention to light and giving our view on the matter. This week, we decided to take a break from doing so and do something different. The Editorial Board is excited that autumn is finally here, and we wanted to share a piece of our excitement with our readers.

MAKAYLA POLAK, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Fall, otherwise known as spooky season, would not be complete without a classic scary movie — or in my case, nearly 20. I am a horror fanatic in the first place, so when the weather changes and the leaves fall, horror movies are the first on my to-do list.

Alone or with friends, I am spending most nights watching horror, thriller and suspense movies. I know that there are a variety of different movies that fall under the “scary” category, so let me elaborate.

I enjoy a good “something is wrong with the house” movie, meaning inhuman spirits and possession. Last year, I spent the season rewatching all of the “Conjuring” universe movies, and I have already started this year.

Rather than explaining to you that I am a horror-fanatic, I am going to give you my must watch movies for the fall season.

In no particular order: “The Exorcist,” “Suspiria (2018),” “Hereditary,” “The Conjuring,” “Scream (1996),” “The Invisible Man,” “The Shining,” “The VVitch” and of course, “Halloween (1978).”

For those of you that would rather watch something less intense, there are still some good ones out there. Again, in no particular order: “The Addams Family (1991),” “Practical Magic,” “Ghostbusters (1984),” “Casper” and “Beetlejuice.”

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The weather and feelings of fall have always been special to me. Not in the way people are with pumpkin spice Starbucks, but I feel more at home in the fall than I do with any other season.

I don’t know if it’s the weather dropping down, the leaves turning into colors easy on the eyes and dancing in the cool autumn breeze or if it’s football season. Maybe it’s a combination of all three.

I’ve always liked the gray cloudy skies of the fall better than the bright blue sky of the summer or the dark purple sky of winter.

The weather is usually perfect if you want to go jacket-less or not. Driving around with the windows down in the fall is euphoric to me. That cool autumn air seems to smell like barbecue, invoking thoughts of football tailgates, and my dad making his famous chili. Walking outside on a cool autumn day with a jacket on me, has always been better than any weather that you’d expect from the summer.

And the timing of it is so great. By late September I’m tired of the months of heat and by that time, the lower temperatures are the perfect compromise between the scorching summer and the unforgiving winter.

So now that we’re in that perfect little time of the year when the heat is finally over and the snow has yet to come, I’m going to spend a lot more time outside.

Fall is the best time for fashion. It is the only time of year you can wear leggings with a sweater, not sweat to death and still get compliments on your outfit. No more shaving, no more planning out if your shorts are appropriate to wear to class and no more tight clothing. To me, there is not a more amazing thing than fall fashion.

This beautiful season is also when the sweatshirt and flannel combo comes around. No matter who you are, a sweatshirt with a flannel makes you significantly more attractive. This look takes such little effort for such a great outcome.

The color scheme is also very flattering on everyone. Warm tones are very calming and set the mood for the season. It is a big mood change from all of the bright and overwhelming colors of the spring and summer.

Finally, toes. The best part about fall is when everyone’s dogs start to be put away. It isn’t the most practical thing to wear sandals when the leaves are crunching, and there’s a possibility of snow falling. You no longer have to worry about the student sitting next to you forgetting to trim their toenails or going to spend money on a pedicure.

KAYDEE VOTAW, DESIGN EDITOR

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The temperature begins to drop from feeling like a sauna in your car to wishing there was a sauna in your car, as it takes a solid 10 minutes for the heat to finally come out of the vents.

The leaves change colors, and the everlasting smell of pumpkin spice just floats through the air. There is a whole range of activities that accompany this time of year: Halloween-themed events, Thanksgiving-themed events and apparently walking through a corn maze in broad daylight.

That all may be fine and dandy, but I know an activity that fits the fall air and doesn’t rely on which holiday is next: football. That’s right. While everyone else is off trying to find candy to give to trick-or-treaters or planning their Thanksgiving dinner, I’m kicking my feet up and watching football. Sometimes, I’ll even go toss the ol’ pigskin around in the backyard.

Then, after that, I’m back to watching football, again. It doesn’t matter if Halloween is next, it doesn’t matter if Thanksgiving is next and it doesn’t even matter if Christmas is next, football is always there. I don’t care if it’s the easy way out as far as planning activities go, I enjoy it, and I’ll continue to enjoy it. Go, try and find the scariest haunted house. I’ll still be here, watching my team be blown out by 30 or watching it sneak out a win it wasn’t supposed to have, because there’s nothing quite like watching guys smash into each other for a ball that makes you feel so content.

You know that urge of competitiveness that you get when you go to Walmart to get your pumpkin that you’re going to carve that has to be better than your siblings? That is me when my brother and I get our pumpkins. I mean these are the pumpkins that are going to be sitting outside the house, so it has to be perfect.

Finding the perfect design that will nine times out of 10 not look anything like it is supposed to, is the part that takes the most time, but it’s fine. It will all be worth it in the end. I don’t know about you, but the best part is scraping the guts out. Although it does remind me of a really big snot without the grossness of it coming out of your nose.

Doing all of this on a football Sunday on the porch with the breeze coming in, while listening to the leaves rustling in the trees. The smoky, sweet smell of burgers and hotdogs on the grill. It couldn’t be better than this.

The sun has finally set, and it is time to put my carving skills and elaborate design to the ultimate test. The flickering of the tea light shining through the cut outs makes it all worth it.

DAKOTA WEAVER, PHOTO EDITOR

SIDNEY LOWRY, MANAGING EDITOR

My favorite thing to do during the fall is undoubtedly going to a pumpkin patch. There is literally nothing better than going to visit one with some friends or family on a crisp, October day.

The best pumpkin patch I’ve ever been to is Carolyn’s Pumpkin Patch in Kansas City, Missouri. You turn off the main highway onto a gravel road, and you just know you’re in for a good time. Immediately when you walk in there, smells of cider and other pumpkin flavored baked goods hit you. The pumpkin donuts there are actually heavenly.

After you’ve walked around, getting on a tractor to be wheeled out into the patch where you can pick your own pumpkin. Taking a little too long picking out the perfect pumpkin with my friends has to be one of my favorite childhood memories.

Also, the photo opportunities are gold. The leaves and the pumpkins and just the overall atmosphere of a pumpkin patch makes it a perfect place for you to get some new Instagram pics.

A pumpkin patch brings all the best fall activities and puts them in one location for everyone to enjoy all throughout the fall season, and honestly, you just can’t beat it.

Who doesn’t love fall? Regardless if it’s hunting in a bean field, going camping with my family or having a bonfire in the backyard, fall is the best time of year to be outside.

I’ll spend the majority of Thanksgiving break in a tree stand waiting for the buck that never seems to come. I enjoy seeing the animals chase each other, the smell of leaves and watching the deer walk around and eat different plants.

Camping is a way for my family to get away from the normal routine of life and forces you to spend time together. When we camp we will bring out the yard games that we all are terrible at, play card and board games, watch movies and sit around the campfire. All of us gathered around a fire sharing stories and roasting marshmallows is my favorite part of the whole event. We will cook hotdogs and roast marshmallows that usually turn out burnt. All of us will sit around and share stories, then go to bed once the fire finally goes out. We all wake up sore and tired due to a lack of sleep and all smelling like smoke. We all then eat breakfast the next morning and plan out our day. It’s the best time to spend time together in our crazy lives.

Then the cherry on top of it all, it’s hoodie season.

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Iranian women need your support



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Women in Iran and their allies have been protesting in 80 different cities throughout the country, demanding justice for the death of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini. Amini was murdered by Iran’s morality police due to her hijab not completely covering her hair.

Ironic that they’re called the morality police, yet they committed such an immoral act. There have been 400 protesters killed and 20,000 arrested, according to the National Council of Resistance of Iran Women’s Committee, throughout these protests, and it doesn’t seem like the protesters will be stopping any time soon.

Iranian women and their allies are continuing to fight back nearly a month after the first protest for Amini was held, despite attempts by the Iranian government to stamp out protests.

I know as Americans you’re probably thinking “They’re thousands of miles away. What can I do about it?” There’s a multitude of things. The first is to do your own research on the conflict and the impact it has on Iranian women. Knowing the whole of the situation before taking action is important for helping with a conflict like this.

Another thing to do is, as difficult as it may be to sit through, listen to and watch firsthand accounts from women in Iran. There are enough videos from before the internet was limited to see what these women are going through.

Protesters are being tear gassed, shot with rubber bullets and beaten by police. The videos and images out there prove how brutally these people are being treated.

The more people outside of Iran that are aware of this, the more people there are to call the Iranian government out for its brutality and demand justice for Amini and all the others who have been killed and arrested throughout the duration of these protests.

Something else I would encourage you to do is donate to organizations who are supporting these women. One of them is the NCRI Women’s Committee, this organization is committed to achieving gender equality in political, social and economic arenas for Iranian women. Donations go directly to expand the organization’s efforts to support women in Iran and the struggles they’re facing.

The final effort you can make to help the protesters is to actively talk about what’s happening in Iran on social media. We need to be these women’s voices in their time of need. Support them by talking to people about why it’s happening.

Even though we’re from different countries, we still need to show solidarity with these women and fight for them. Imagine living in a country where you get killed for not completely covering your hair. It’s despicable, and we can’t stand by while the Iranian government continues to oppress women. Fight for them, because most people won’t.

Shootings have not gone away, need more attention



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At least once or twice a week, I receive a breaking news notification about mass or school shootings. I know I am not the only one that drops their head when they read it but also has to continue throughout their day waiting for the next notification.

The devastating tragedy is no stranger to me though.

Jan. 5, 2011 is a heavily secured memory for me. My class had recently returned from lunch, preparing to take a test. But within a matter of minutes, the desk dividing folders were falling down as 20 students rushed into the darkest corner of the room.

I was in fourth grade, when I — for the first time — experienced what had been the history topic that we had not talked about yet. I was 10 when I first sat in a room while an active shooter was just half a mile down the road at the nearest high school — Millard South High School.

Just a two minute drive east, a student was waving a gun in the air, forcing students in the kitchen, opening fire on the administrators after being suspended, injuring two, killing Assistant Principal Vicki Kaspar and later himself.

Roughly five years later, I had moved school districts, but the threat was still an issue. As a high school student, I had learned more about school shootings, and the fear of it happening again was always lingering in the back of my mind — but this time, I was in a high school.

It was a place where shooting threats felt monthly, even weekly. Teachers were constantly throwing themselves into physical fights that would break out daily. “Code Red” and “Code Yellows” were practiced and called often.

We walked through the halls in silence some days while hall monitors and school resource officers were watching our every move. Though an active shooting never occurred in my time there, I still remember the day that my teacher had sat our class down, letting us know that a kid was found with a gun in his bag, intending to use it, but was caught before anything had happened.

My fear may have started in the classroom and tagged along throughout my daily life as an adolescent, but as an adult, it’s still an issue outside the classroom.

530

mass shootings have been reported in 2022 as of Oct. 12

Mass shootings are still striking the nation, yet it isn’t being talked about enough. Society tends to not care unless it includes children or hundreds of people. This pains me to think about, because just like you and me, these people had families, careers and lives.

Recently, there was a shooting in St. Joseph that hospitalized four people. This is considered a mass shooting, yet most of you reading this column are going to be completely unaware of the incident. It isn’t completely your fault though. Society has chosen to write off shootings that aren’t “big enough.”

This shooting is just one of an endless number of others. This year alone, there have been 530 reported mass shootings as of Oct. 12. As the years go by, the numbers keep rising, and there probably will not be a decline in the near future.

I’m not sure if we have become acclimated to the idea of mass shootings or if we have given up caring, but no matter the reason, it’s unacceptable.

It doesn’t matter how many people were injured or killed, it doesn’t matter where it was, we need to be drawing more attention to these mass shootings. It’s immoral to go about our daily lives not thinking about this issue until it’s too little, too late.

Just because the headlines say you are miles away from the issue, doesn’t mean that you shouldn’t care. Those four people in St. Joseph are each friends to many people. The students in the cafeteria at Millard South were children to hundreds of parents.

Despite my experiences, I’m still infuriated with the lack of care that people give to mass shootings, everyone should be. The victims are just as important as those of the Sandy Hook Elementary or the Las Vegas Strip massacre.

The next time you hear about a mass shooting, take a second to think that it could have been you. That’s likely what those victims were thinking when it happened to them. Mass shootings aren’t just a story you hear about, it could have happened right where your friends were standing in a place you would have never imagined it to happen.

THE STROLLER: Your Bearcat really loves Adam Sandler

I have a confession — Adam Sandler’s “Jack and Jill” is my favorite movie. Don’t try to convince me that “The Godfather” or “Pulp Fiction” is better, I won’t listen. I don’t care that it has a 3% on Rotten Tomatoes, they don’t get it.

One time I got to a concert two hours early, and you know what I did to fill the time? I whipped out my phone and played “Jack and Jill.” How did he manage to make a movie where he is BOTH of the main characters? Also, how did he get Al Pacino in on it?

Even in the movies he’s not on camera, everything he is even remotely involved with turns to gold. Have you seen “Paul Blart: Mall Cop”?

What about “Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2”? It’s even better than the first, and no I won’t elaborate.

Have you seen “50 First Dates”? It’s fantastic. I would highly recommend spending part of your weekend typing Adam Sandler into Netflix and watching them one-by-one. Happy Madison Productions eats up every film it makes.

He literally just gets to play himself — a sarcastic, rich dad — in nearly every movie he makes. “Grown Ups”? Genius. He made a movie with him and his friends where they got to hang out at a lake and then beat up Taylor Lautner in the second one.

Adam Sandler actually came to Northwest in 1994, and honestly I

can’t even put into words what I would do to have been here during that time. I am seriously his biggest fan.

I will — and have — spent an ungodly amount of time watching and rewatching any Adam Sandler movie, and I can’t apologize for it. I call it self-care.

This is an advertisement for Adam Sandler, and though I haven’t been paid in monetary value, I have been paid through rich entertainment time and time again.

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THE STROLLER: Your Bearcat isn’t Adam Sandler’s fan

Let me be the one to apologize on behalf of the person who wrote the previous Stroller — I’m painfully sorry. Adam Sandler is at best, fine. You on the other hand might want to consider checking in with University Wellness.

I’m genuinely concerned with the movie choices you have publicly announced. You mean to tell me that you’d rather watch “Paul Blart: Mall Cop” than, I don’t know, ANY other movie?

It worries me that you believe “Jack and Jill” is better than “The Godfather.” Extensively long, sure,

but at least the movie has a plot. The only thing Adam Sandler does in his movies is be a grown man-child who miraculously gets the hottest girl — which is far too inaccurate.

Adam Sandler has released movies that are decent, yet I assume that you hated them because your movie taste is just as good as week-old roadkill in an airfryer. “Hustle” and “Uncut Gems” are statistically better than any Adam Sandler movie that you mentioned, yet you prefer to watch “Grown Ups 2.”

Let me take a wild guess, you flex the fact that your favorite movie

is a movie equivalent to bottom shelf liquor that tastes like hand sanitizer because you lack any other personality trait.

At the end of the day, your movie takes — though critically unacceptable — are your choice. But let me leave you with one piece of advice, when you somehow find someone to go on a first date with you, attempt to deflect the favorite movie conversation — it’s for your own good.

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SPORTS

FACTS

Northwest Football

- Won 15 of the last 16 matchups against Washburn.
- Next five opponents have a combined record of 17-5.

Maryville Football

- Won 10 consecutive regular season games against Savannah.
- Averages 42 points scored per game.

Northwest Volleyball

- 3-0 at Bearcat Arena.

Northwest Soccer

- Junior forward Kaylie Rock has the most career goals in program history with 19.
- Redshirt freshman Lily Ellis owns the most shutouts in a single season in Bearcat history with nine.

Maryville Volleyball

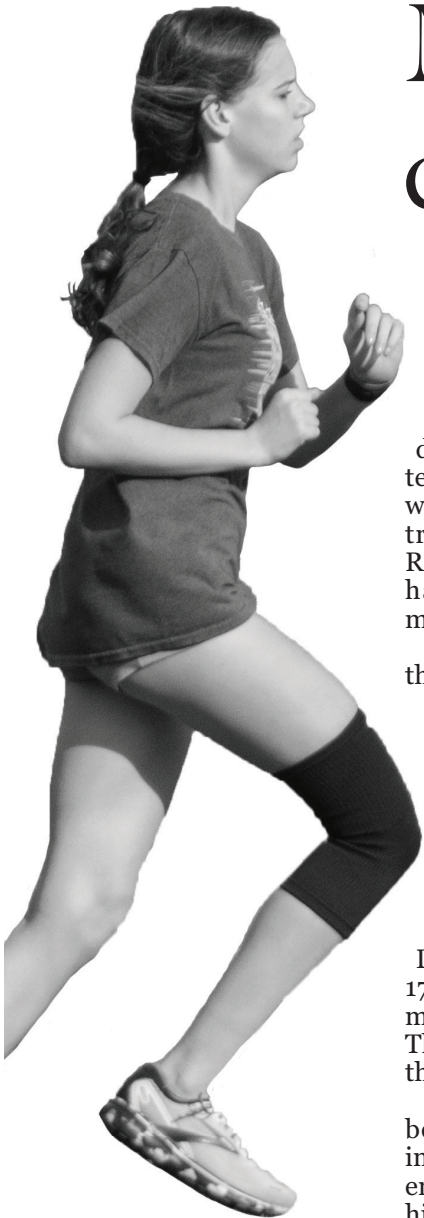
- Won eight consecutive matches against the Hornets.

Maryville Boys Soccer

- Senior forward Truett Haer and junior midfielder Kason Teale have combined for 25 goals so far this season. The rest of the team combined has 20 goals.

Maryville Cross Country

- Mount Ayr, Iowa, will be the final meet of the regular season for both Maryville cross country teams.



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Maryville girls cross country freshman Jayda Buck practices for her next meet Oct. 13 at Mount Ayr, Iowa.

Maryville boys, girls cross country prepare for Iowa

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The Maryville boys and girls cross country team has taken a minor setback from the previous season due to two seniors leaving the team this past offseason. Even with a very young cross country team, according to coach Rodney Bade, the Spoofhounds have placed top 10 at every meet this year.

Between both teams, 10 of the 18 runners are sophomores. Bade said even with their youth, the Spoofhounds have never stepped away from the challenge of going out and scoring at each tournament.

For the Spoofhounds, the fastest time on the team is held by sophomore Dylan Masters, who ran a 17-minute and 21 seconds 3.1-mile race at Shenandoah, Iowa. The Spoofhounds placed 8th at this meet Oct. 18.

This moved Masters from being the 10th fastest runner in Maryville history to the seventh. This was a major jump for him, with Masters only being a sophomore and still having so much more work to put in.

As the season has reached its midway point, there have

been some minor injuries to both the girls and boys cross country teams. Bade said the girls team has had major injuries, such as like a pulled hamstring, which can be more crucial for a team with only five runners.

“We need all of them healthy to be able to come out and score,” Bade said.

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Number of athletes between both teams who are sophomores.

This is the first season since 2019 in which the Spoofhounds have had both a boys and girls cross country team. Even with a small team on the girls’ side, Bade said he is proud of the athletes’ ability to go out and place top 10 at every meeting, along with the boys team.

Bade said the girls on the team are sometimes inconsistent, meaning at times they will have a breakout meet, and other times they will drop a minute or two. For the past two tournaments at the Gans Creek Open Sept. 24 and at Bishop

UP NEXT

Mount Ayr
5 p.m. Oct. 13
Mount Ayr, Iowa

MEC Tournament
4 p.m. Oct. 18
Cameron, Missouri

LeBlond Oct. 1, the girls have been able to come out and get new personal bests, including freshman Meah Schommer, who was able to run a 22-minute and 55 seconds 3.1-mile.

With being an athlete and a student, sometimes there can be times when one needs to enjoy themselves. Athletes can look to each other for enjoyment as well as the sport itself. Master said both teams work great together, and the Spoofhounds are constantly finding ways to build teamwork within the program.

“The team chemistry is good. They bond well with each other and push each other,” Masters said.

The Spoofhounds have a tournament Oct. 13 at Mount Ayr, Iowa. Bade said they are ready to come out and get to work. Knowing that the course is very smooth at Mount Ayr, he said, they are hoping to see some breakthroughs.

TROPHY

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Savannah is on top of the Midland Empire Conference this year with a 4-0 record in MEC play. The Savages have outscored MEC foes 185-35. Maryville is sitting behind Savannah in the conference at second place with a 3-1 conference record. The ‘Hounds have scored 176 points against their MEC opponents, while their opponents have only scored 61.

“It’s a rivalry game — throw the records out the window,” Webb said “Conference,

districts, it doesn’t matter. It’s a rivalry game. We want to win the sign.”

Savannah coach Anthony Hays is in his first year at Savannah, so he has yet to experience the rivalry yet, but he said he is excited about the game this year.

“Rivalries are fun. I think that’s what makes sports special,” Hays said. “There’s a lot of things that make sports special, but rivalries are just special whether it’s the Chiefs versus Raiders, and they have a long history of rivalry or watching, you know, a college football game against two longtime rivals. It just adds something to the atmosphere. We’re excited to have a rival just

down the road.”

Hays and Webb give the same reasoning for their teams’ success, they both said their teams are taking it one week at a time, having a good game plan and executing the game plan at a high level.

Hays said winning games earlier in the season snowballed into confidence and an expect-to-win attitude, combined with other things, have helped the Savages stay undefeated this season.

“We would love to win. We want to win every Friday,” Hays said. “The highway sign hasn’t been in our hands in a long time, so we’re hoping to change that.”

REDEMPTION

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The Ichabod offense is averaging 36 points per game through the first six weeks of the season — a mark that tops the MIAA. Washburn coach Craig Schurig, now in his 21st year at the helm of the program, said he always expects a tough game against the Bearcat defense.

“Defensively, they’re probably the top defense in the country, I would think,” Schurig said. “That’s the main challenge. Hopefully, we can score enough and maintain the ball enough to give our defense some rest.”

Schurig said it’s hard to develop a run game at all against the Bearcats — the No. 1 team in Division II in fewest rushing yards allowed per contest with 38.

Wright said from what he’s seen so far on film, Washburn’s success on offense comes in part from the skill and ability from all of the players on the Ichabods’ side of the field. Washburn sophomore quarterback Kellen Simoncic tops the MIAA in passing touchdowns with 19, and he is second in the conference in passing yards per game with 286.3.

While Northwest is No. 1 in rushing defense in the MIAA and Division II, the Bearcats are No. 9 in the MIAA in passing defense by allowing 227.3 passing yards per opponent. Wright said the team needs to focus on limiting explosive passes, especially against Washburn, if the team is going to have a chance to win.

“Right now, to this point in the season, that’s been our Achilles’

heel,” Wright said. “We’re doing a great job defending the run but not so much in the passing game. We got to be better.”

What the Bearcats have also been able to do is force sacks against their opponents. Northwest is also No. 1 in the MIAA in sacks by the defense with 23.

Senior defensive tackle Zach Howard is one of the major contributors of that total with five sacks on the season. The Bolivar, Missouri, native recorded two sacks against Pitt Oct. 8, which not only propelled to tied for second in the MIAA, but also put him in the top five for career sacks at Northwest with 23. No. 4 on the all-time list, Ryan Waters, played from 2003-06 and totaled 24 sacks for his career.


Even with his and the defense’s success through the first half of the season, Howard said a big part of football is knowing how to move forward.

“We got to continue to work on things and understand that we are not nearly at the top of our ceiling,” Howard said. “We just can’t lose sight of the fact that you can get better week in and week out. You’re not like the team you were the week before or even two weeks before.”

Northwest will have a chance to bounce back at home, with the next two games inside Bearcat Stadium. The Bearcats have a 15-game winning streak inside Bearcat Stadium — the longest active home win streak in Division II.

“Bearcat Stadium is amazing,” Howard said. “Fans always show out. It’s exciting to be able to come back home. We play well at home. We just can’t live in the past.”


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Chillicothe next ahead on slate for Maryville volleyball

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Spoofhound volleyball won in three sets to improve to 14-11, now they prepare for another Midland Empire Conference matchup against Chillicothe (15-9).

Senior setter Anastyn Pettlon said the biggest difference Oct. 10 was the team’s ability to create success but to also just have fun.

“I think we definitely had a lot more energy this game,” Pettlon said. “We just had more fun today and had a lot of energy, so that helps a lot.”

The Spoofhounds were back in the win column with a 3-0 win Oct. 10 against South Harrison (9-8) after struggling to find rhythm at the Benton Tournament Oct. 1. The Spoofhounds struggled in the Benton Tournament and posted a record of 1-2. Coach Bailey Cook said when they play smaller schools they use the match more as a practice.

“When we play smaller schools like this, we use this as practice so that we can practice different skill sets and different plays and things like that,” Cook said Oct. 10. “So it was a nice win, we worked on a lot of different things. So that’ll help us come Chillicothe on Thursday.”

Maryville will play Chillicothe Oct. 13 at Chillicothe High School. This is the Spoofhounds first matchup against Chillicothe this season. Maryville has a 20-3 record against the Lady Hornets since 2009 and have won eight straight matches.

The Spoofhounds will head to Council Bluffs, Iowa, Oct. 15 to play in the Lewis Central Tournament, where they will be the only team representing the state of Missouri. Cook said she is hoping to see new looks and face teams from Iowa that they normally don’t see during the regular season.

“They always bring different things, different skill sets, different speeds, different hits, and so that’s always nice to see,” Cook said. “Further down the road we go in the postseason, here in Missouri, we might see those things that we don’t normally see in regular season play. So going up and just seeing a different variety of teams is always a good thing, especially at the end of the season.”

Like Cook, Pettlon also said it is nice to have new teams to play against. There are things for them to work on, she said, like limiting the team’s mistakes and improving overall.

For Maryville and other teams around Missouri, the postseason is right around the corner, and the Spoofhounds have received their schedule following the regular season. Maryville will start off its postseason run against Lafayette-St. Joseph Oct. 20 — a team the Spoofhounds have split the season series with 1-1.

Maryville looks to return to its 2020 status, when the Spoofhounds claimed the Missouri Class 3 State Title. During the 2021 postseason, the ’Hounds lost in the second round of the Class 3 District 16 Tournament to Cameron Oct. 25. Cook said there’s a long way to go still before her team can be hopeful for another state championship.

UP NEXT

MHS vs. Chillicothe
7 p.m. Oct. 13
Chillicothe, Missouri

Lewis Central Tournament
Oct. 15
Council Bluffs, Iowa

MHS vs. Tarkio with Fairfax
6 p.m. Oct. 17
Maryville High School

MHS vs. St. Pius X
7 p.m. Oct. 18
Kansas City, Missouri



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Maryville boys soccer gather in the middle of the field preparing for drills during Oct. 10 practice. The Spoofhounds will take on their Midland Empire Conference foe St. Pius X Warriors Oct. 13, when both teams look to add another win to their record.

'Hounds to meet Warriors in soccer

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This year, the Maryville boys soccer team is 9-2, coming out of last week with a game-breaking score of 7-0 against Saint Paul Lutheran (8-8). Over this past weekend, the Spoofhounds were on the road to play in the Kansas City Showcase.

The Spoofhounds have maintained a seven-game win streak after their first two losses, against Warrensburg Aug. 31 and Nebraska-Kearney Sept. 6. In those two games, the Spoofhounds were only able to score two goals.

Coach Jesus Gonzalez said the Spoofhounds have been able to come back and learn how to adapt to their game plans and shut out every team by a minimum of a three-goal lead.

“By raising the intensity of our game, we will be able to reach our peak by playoffs,” Gonzalez said.

Junior midfielder Kason Teale and senior forward Truett Haer have 25 goals combined this season, with the

rest of the team scoring almost 20 goals collectively.

“It’s always hard for them to get the new tactics, the new formations and new teammates,” Gonzalez said. “I truly believe by the end of the season we will be in sync no matter who’s on the pitch.”

According to coach Gonzalez, The team chemistry with nine new players has been boosted by the players that have played together through the past three seasons, which has helped with the connection of the team being more smooth and crisp throughout the transitions.

Gonzalez said the plan for the Spoofhounds’ next game against St. Pius X Oct. 13 at Bearcat Pitch for senior night is to stay within the game plan and keep the Warriors out of theirs.

He said the Spoofhounds layouts are primarily based on them being able to drive down the field score and come back and regroup to play defense.

Senior center back

Marcus Henggeler said switching the field becomes a great attack by confusing the other teams’ offensive plans.

“Being able to work the ball from our goal to the opponent’s goal is great as we control the ball and switch it quickly to go score,” Henggeler said.

With this year’s roster made up of 14 seniors and juniors out of 28 players, the team has been able to build off its previous season of having a 75% win percentage with a 12-3 record. The Spoofhounds have made their team chemistry a key part

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5 p.m. Oct. 13
Bearcat Pitch

MHS vs. Savannah
5 p.m. Oct. 17
Savannah, Missouri

of their success.

“Whether it’s on the soccer field, in classes or even just hanging out outside of school, the boys are building team chemistry, by the day,” Henggeler said.

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First rematches of season for 'Cats

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After three weeks of road matches, No. 15 Northwest volleyball returned home to Bearcat Arena Oct. 11 against No. 25 Central Missouri. That match was the kickoff of a three-match homestand for the 'Cats.

Northwest went 1-1 on its most recent road trip, losing to No. 19 Central Oklahoma Oct. 7. The next day, Oct. 8, the Bearcats came back strong with a dominant 3-0 win over Newman. In that win, junior setter Alyssa Rezac hit a career milestone of 2,000 assists.

"I definitely couldn't have done it without my teammates," Rezac said. "Setting is a position that relies heavily on your teammates to pass well and get kills, so I have to give them a lot of credit for my successes. I am very grateful for them."

The next three matches for the Bearcats have big stakes, as Northwest and Central Missouri (7-3) are tied for fourth in the MIAA, and the 'Cats (7-3) are just one win behind No. 10 Washburn (8-3). Central Oklahoma and Nebraska-Kearney sit atop the conference with a 9-2 MIAA record.

It's been a little over a month since Central Missouri escaped with a 3-2 win against Northwest Sept. 7. This time the Bearcats had home-court advantage, and it proved crucial for the 'Cats as they took the match 3-1.

"We're excited to play them again. I think we have definitely improved," Rezac said. "I'm eager to see what this matchup is like in front of a home crowd at Bearcat Arena. It is a big game for us to stay in contention for a regular-season conference championship, but we know it's important that we stay focused on just playing at our best and continuing to get better."

The second rematch on the docket for the Bearcats is against Washburn. In the first match, the 'Cats defeated the then-No. 2 Ich-



RIVER BOYD SPORTS REPORTER
Northwest volleyball freshman middle hitter Kate Frakes and sophomore outside hitter Payton Kirchhoefer combine for a block against No. 25 Central Missouri Oct. 11. Northwest went on to defeat the Jennies 3-1 in the top-25 battle in the second meeting of the season between the two teams.

abods 3-1 Sept. 17 in Washburn, Kansas. Northwest has a chance to sweep Washburn Oct. 14 in the season series in Bearcat Arena.

Sophomore defensive specialist Kyah Luhning netted a season-high with 17 digs in Northwest's match against Newman.

"Washburn has a reputation of being a great team," Luhning said. "Any chance we have to play them, we know it will be a good game. It is important to get this win at home to prove we can beat anyone home or away."

Northwest has a five-match win streak against the Ich-

abods were ranked No. 1 in the country in 2021, in the 2021 MIAA tournament and earlier this season when Washburn was ranked No. 2.

"At this point in the season, every game is important," Rezac said. "Both are teams we have beat, and we're going to have the target on our back. It will be exciting to see what other strategies we can use to maybe throw something at them that they haven't seen yet."

Northwest will wrap up at home with a rematch against MIAA foe Emporia State. The last time these teams met was Sept. 16 when the Bearcats swept the Hornets 3-0, but each set was close, as the Bearcats

only won by five or fewer points.

In the last seven matchups, the 'Cats have vanquished Emporia State. Six of the seven matchups have ended in Northwest winning through a sweep.

Sophomore outside hitter Payton Kirchhoefer was out due to injury the first time the Hornets and Bearcats played, this will be her first chance to play them this season.

"It is important to us to win at home because we always like to defend our home court," Kirchhoefer said.

After the pit stop at home for three matches, the Bearcats will hit the road again, however this time it will be a short trip to play Highway 71 rival Missouri West-

UP NEXT

NW vs. Washburn
6 p.m. Oct. 14
Bearcat Arena

NW vs. Emporia State
6 p.m. Oct. 15
Bearcat Arena

ern Oct. 18. The Griffons haven't defeated the Bearcats since 2018.

"Who doesn't love a good school rivalry?" Rezac said "We are hoping to compete and execute our systems at a high level. They usually get a decent-sized crowd, but we would like to go in there and create some of our own energy."

Soccer returns home for final regular season games

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Northwest soccer looks to finish the rest of the season at Bearcat Pitch after finishing its last two road games of the regular season with two shutout wins.

The Bearcats are coming off a game in Edmond, Oklahoma, where they got a win over No. 21 Central Oklahoma. It was

the first win against a ranked opponent this season for the Bearcats and helped boost the Bearcats to No. 6 in the MIAA standings. During the game, junior forward Kaylie Rock scored her 19th career goal — the most in program history.

"It felt great to be the one to put the ball in the back of the net," Rock said. "Watching over that play and what led

to the foul was my teammate, Ashton Dain, who made an incredible stop against her defender. I am very lucky to be the one who has gotten goals, but it starts in the backline and works its way up. Our team is working well together."

The weekly shutout update continues for redshirt freshman goalkeeper Lily Ellis who finished the Bearcats road schedule with two shutouts to bring her total to nine this season.

The nine shutouts for Ellis set a single season record for Northwest and passed former Bearcat goalkeeper Kira Lazenby, who held the record with eight shutouts in 2008.

"It's an awesome feeling with this season being my first year and having this many shutouts is something I definitely didn't expect," Ellis said.

Now at 8-4-2, the Bearcats head into the final four regular season games. Northwest will play those final games of the slate at Bearcat Pitch.

The next two matches may move the Bearcats up in the conference standings as the MIAA tournament gets closer. Northeastern State will come to Maryville for a game Oct. 14 and then Northwest will play Rogers State Oct. 16 which will also be Senior Day for the Bearcats.

"I am excited to be back home at Bearcat Pitch this weekend," Rock said. "It will feel good to take a break from traveling and just get to stay home and finish the season in front of our home crowd."

Coach Marc Gordon said he looks at this part of the season as a chance to look at the team's trends in previous matches and statistics from this season to get an advantage heading into the final stretch of games.

Northeastern State (5-2-7) has the most ties this season in the conference. Most of the ties have been partly because of the struggle on offense, only scoring 17 goals this season, seven of those goals coming against



WESLEY MILLER SPORTS EDITOR
Redshirt freshman goalkeeper Lily Ellis passes the ball during Northwest soccer's game against Fort Hays State Sept. 23. Ellis secured the most shutouts in a season in program history against No. 21 Central Oklahoma Oct. 9.

non-conference opponents.

Behind Northeastern for the most ties this season is Rogers State (4-4-6). They joined the MIAA conference in 2019 and since then the Bearcats have faced them twice and won both contests.

Rogers State sophomore goalkeeper Tiffany Brittan and Bearcat goalkeeper Ellis, having been a factor this season, might be one of the reasons why the two squads' match may end up being a close, defensive match. Brittan has four shutouts, 24 saves and only allowed six goals this season.

UP NEXT

NW vs. Northeastern State
3 p.m. Oct. 14
Bearcat Pitch

NW vs. Rogers State
1 p.m. Oct. 16
Bearcat Pitch

"Both teams can move the ball very well, and it's going to be a couple tough defensive matches," Gordon said. "It is going to be in our mentality and our mindset about how we want the rest of the season to go."

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Northwest football senior running back Jamar Moya takes the ball into the endzone for the Bearcats' first touchdown of the game during the team's 24-22 loss to Pittsburg State Oct. 8. Moya is No. 3 in the MIAA in all-purpose yards per game with 100.8 and leads Northwest in total rushing yards through the first six weeks of the regular season with 294.

BOUNCE BACK

Bearcats return home with chance of redemption over Washburn Ichabods

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With only five regular season games left, Northwest football enters the second half of the schedule with a 4-2 record and tied for third place in the MIAA. The Bearcats head into Week 7 on the heels of a nail-biting loss to Pittsburg State Oct. 8. Northwest has two losses in the regular season for the first time since 2018. Ahead for Northwest, is five games against opponents with a combined record of 17-5. Coach Rich Wright said the MIAA can be grueling. First on the slate in the final five games is Washburn Oct. 15 at Bearcat Stadium. "They're really explosive offensively," Wright said. "They're putting up a lot of points

UP NEXT

NW vs. Washburn

1:30 p.m. Oct. 15

Bearcat Stadium

on everybody." Washburn's offense hasn't only generated praise from Wright but also boosted the Ichabods in the statistical rankings, especially in the MIAA. After Week 6, Washburn (4-2) has scored 35 or more points in each contest except in its first loss of the season to Nebraska-Kearney (5-1) Sept. 17.

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Senior quarterback Braden Wright attempts to juke in open space against Pittsburg State Oct. 8. Wright passed for 301 yards against the Gorillas. Northwest football will play Washburn Oct. 15.

Highway 71 trophy on the line for Spoofhound football, Savannah

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Only 31 miles separate Maryville football and its rival in Savannah, and the Spoofhounds will shorten that distance Oct. 14 and travel roughly 33 minutes to play their Highway 71 rival for the coveted Highway 71 trophy. Coach Matt Webb said this rivalry is special because it's such a short trip. He said the teams play summer camps together, and both teams know each other very well because the distance between the two schools is so small. The 'Hounds have dominated this rivalry since 2010, only dropping two games to the Savages while racking up 11 wins. These rivals play for a highway sign, something some would consider not valuable or not flashy, but for the Spoofhounds and Savages, it is very valuable. "It's not made of gold, it's not a cup, it's not got a lot of glitz and glamor to it," Webb said. "It's a literal highway sign that

UP NEXT

MHS vs. Savannah

7 p.m. Oct. 14

Savannah, Missouri

means a lot of pride in where you live and grow up." The Maryville (4-3) offense is averaging 42 points per game. On the defensive side of the ball, the Spoofhounds are allowing a mere 21 points a game. Savannah (7-0) is averaging just 2 points less than the 'Hounds, at 40 points per contest. The Savages' defense outshines the Spoofhounds' defense by only allowing 12 points per game. "Well, I think it's the best defense we've faced all season," Webb said. "Savannah does an excellent job on defense. Our offense is going to go out and try to get first downs. That's all we got to try to do. Try and keep us in the game. They're an excellent defensive unit." Webb said that defense is



Spoofhound junior Derek Quinlin throws a pass to senior running back Caden Stoecklein for a third down conversion against the Benton Cardinals Sept. 30.

not the only thing that Savannah shines at, as offensively the Savages are the best team the Spoofhounds have seen so far.

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MIAA announces rankings for preseason basketball, hosts teams in Kansas City

Representatives from the Northwest men's basketball and Northwest women's basketball teams traveled Oct. 11 to the College Basketball Experience in Kansas City, Missouri, for the 2022 MIAA Basketball Media Day. Both teams, like the rest of the 13 MIAA schools represented at media day, were there to hear its preseason rankings from the coaches and media polls and answer questions from the media in preview of the 2022-23 season. The three-time defending national champions Northwest men's basketball was tabbed as the preseason favorite to win the MIAA in the MIAA preseason coaches and media poll. In late March, the Bearcats became the first Division II team to win three consecutive titles and open the season looking for their 10th straight conference title. Women's basketball is fresh off its 2021-22 season, where the

Bearcats won the most games in a season — 17 — since the 2010-11 campaign. For its efforts last season, the team was slated to finish at No. 6 in the media poll and No. 7 in the coaches poll — the highest preseason rankings since the beginning of the 2011-12 season. Northwest men's basketball coach Ben McCollum brought senior guard Diego Bernard and junior forward Luke Waters to talk to media at the event. Women's basketball coach Austin Meyer brought junior forward Jayna Green and sophomore guard Emma Atwood. Waters said he doesn't focus on the preseason rankings very much. "I think it just shows that we continue to build off what we did in previous years," Atwood said. "I don't pay too much attention to those standards," Waters said. "What that tells me is that every game we go into, we're going to take other teams' best shot."



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